



PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of

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Examiner: Marianne L. PADGETT

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For: SURFACE TREATMENT METHOD USING ELECTRIC DISCHARGE, AND AN
ELECTRODE FOR THE SURFACE TREATMENT METHOD

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 31, 2004, reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested. Claims 1, 3 and 4 are all the claims pending in the application.

Claims 1, 3 and 4 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over claims 1, 4, 6, 9, 11 and 15 of U.S. Patent No. 6,602,561. Along with this Request, Applicant is submitting a terminal disclaimer with regard to U.S. Patent No. 6,602,561. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the double patenting rejection.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the

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Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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